

THE DAY GOD TOOK *You Home*

You never said "I'm leaving".
You never said "goodbye".
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.

A million times we needed you.
A million times we cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.

In life, we loved you dearly.
In death, we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
that no one could ever fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone,
for part of us went with you,
the day God took you home.

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A million times we cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
you never would have died.*

forever in our hearts

Mrs. Inez Ballard Thomas
1964-2023

EARTHLY PLACE OF REST
Zion Hill Church Cemetery
260 W. Allen Street, Leslie, GA 31764

Pallbearers

Mr. Jeffery Roberts Mr. Jakory Wise
Mr. Gyasi Wright Mr. Jeffery Ballard
Mr. Darius Ballard Mr. Kelsey Dice

Flower Attendants

Friends of the Family

OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE

We, the members of the Thomas' Family,
wish to express our profound gratitude and deepest
appreciation to our officiating ministers, pallbearers, ushers,
soloist, and all of our dearly beloved friends and neighbors
who have so willingly aided us during our the illness and
passing of our loved one. May God's richest blessings be
bestowed upon all of you today and forever.

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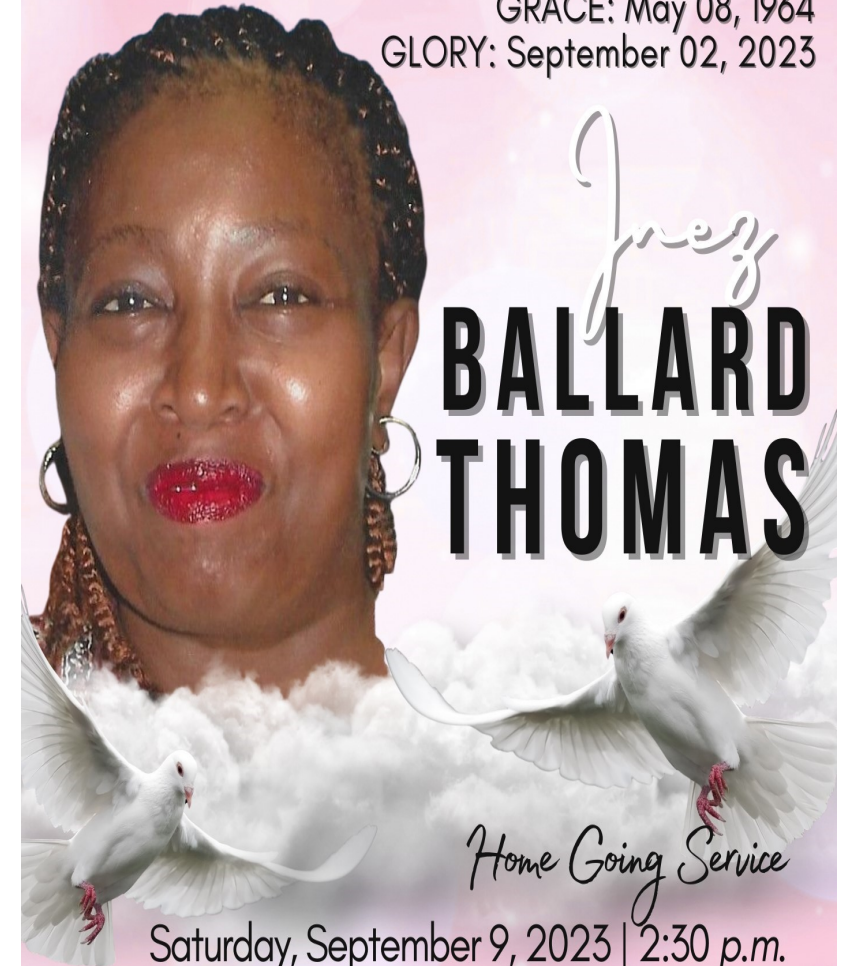
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Sumter County Sheriff's Office

IN LOVING MEMORY

GRACE: May 08, 1964
GLORY: September 02, 2023



Home Going Service

Saturday, September 9, 2023 | 2:30 p.m.

Perry Grove Baptist Church
147 W. Federal Street, Leslie, Georgia 31764

Officiant: Rev. Jesse Watts
Pastor, Old Shady Grove Baptist Church

Remembering
MRS. INEZ BALLARD THOMAS

OBITUARY

Mrs. Inez Ballard Thomas was born in Americus, Sumter County, Georgia on May 8, 1964, to the parentage of the late Mr. Damien Dismuke and the late Mrs. Annie Ballard Watts. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County and was a 1982 graduate of Sumter County High School. She was employed as a cook at Magnolia Manor Nursing Center.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Ms. Ashley Ballard (Gyasi Wright); her son, Mr. Darius Ballard and friend, Ericka Wiggins, all of Americus, GA; her grandchildren: A'rianna Yearby, Ashlynn Yearby, Montoriya Ballard, De'Anna Ballard and Emoni Wiggins; a sister, Ms. Shanda Ballard, Americus, GA; a brother, Mr. Jeffery Ballard, Americus, GA; her nieces and nephews: Jakory Wise, Alicia Ballard, Jacolby Ballard, Torris Mann, III, Chelsey Dice, Kelsey Dice, Korvyez Ballard, Antwan Wright, Willie Ballard, Jr., Nykerriah Ballard, Nikaylen Ballard and Marquise Hall; her special and devoted friends: Ms. Renee High, Ms. Shirley Johnson; the staff at Lillian Carter Nursing Center and her 1982 classmates.



Epitaph for Mother

Inez
**BALLARD
THOMAS**

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We never said "I love you much",
but yet you knew we cared,
and all throughout your entire life
you always took time to share.
Your love and kindness have touched
so many lives as you journeyed here on earth,
and all who knew you can truly say
you always gave your best.
Today, we're sad but yet we can rejoice,
for we will always know that she is ever never.
We can hear you whisper and it seems
as though you say, "love God",
"love your family", and "help your fellow man".
This is what she taught us.
This is what she lived,
and as we strive to do your will,
we know our Mother will smile.
For you know, we want to meet you
in your new home in the skies.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional led by Rev. Jesse Watts
and Pulpit Guests

Last Glance and Final Sealing

Selection Ms. Jalesa Thomas

Prayer Deacon Aaron Johnson

Scripture Evangelist Barbara Burts
Perry Grove Baptist Church

Reflections *limit to 2 minutes*
Open to Friends

Selection Ms. Jalesa Thomas

Eulogy Rev. Jesse Watts
Old Shady Grove Baptist Church

Acknowledgements
and Presentation of the Family Bible Barnum Staff

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or to silent mode during the services. Thank you.*